

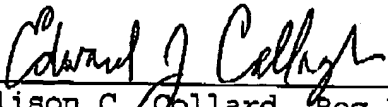
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims are 1-5 and 8-15. Claim 15 has been amended to replace the term "propylene" with the term "butylene", to replace the abbreviation "SEPS" with the abbreviation "SEBS", and to replace the term "polyethylene" with the phrase "amorphous poly- α -olefins." Support for claim 15, as amended may be found, *inter alia*, in the disclosure at page 5, lines 9-11. Reconsideration is expressly requested.

In summary, claim 15 has been amended. The Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing supplemental amendment. In view of the foregoing and in view of the Amendment previously submitted on August 11, 2005, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,
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